

## ALLENS PREFER TRIAL IN CARROLL

Have Friends There and Will Probably Abandon Motion for Change of Venue.

### JUDGE TO DECIDE TO-DAY

Search for Two Missing Men Narrows to Effort to Starve Them From Hiding.

Hardly a doubt now remains, judging from all available information on the subject, that all of the Allen clan indicted for the courthouse murders will be tried in Carroll county. In fact, it is predicted that when the attorneys appear before Judge Walter R. Staples in Wytheville today and counsel for the defense will withdraw the application made in Roanoke on March 30 for change of venue for Floyd Allen. No change was even asked for in behalf of Victor M. Allen or of Bird Marion.

In fact, the lawyers for Floyd Allen must have realized that their prayer would not be granted. They offered only the unsupported affidavit of the prisoner himself, to the effect that he did not believe he could get a fair trial in Carroll, and that he should be arraigned in Roanoke. Lawyers say that no principle in law is more firmly settled in Virginia than that no change of venue will be granted on the word of the accused alone, but that it must be amply supported by outside evidence that must not only be convincing, but also disinterested. This was held down more than half a century ago in the case of *Wiley vs. the Commonwealth*, recorded in 10 Gratton.

**Trials at Hillsville.**  
The feeling is almost universal that the Allen will have a better chance in Carroll than anywhere else, for they have friends in that county. It is, therefore, believed to be morally certain that the trials will be had in Hillsville.

As to the date, it is supposed that Judge Staples will fix it to-day, although this is not certain. In the absence of definite pronouncement from him on this subject, the presumption would be that the trials will proceed at Hillsville on April 23, the date to which Circuit Court was adjourned.

A change of venue, in drawing a jury from some rather distant part of the State, is regarded as quite likely. It is not believed such a jury would in any case come from either Pulaski, Wythe or Grayson counties, since Judge Staples was well known and beloved in all the places in his circuit.

**Will Make No Mistake.**  
The attorneys for the prosecution are weighing every step of the proceeding so that there shall be no possibility of a reversal in this case. They believe the trial should be had in the very room where the crime was committed, but are not likely to insist, it is supposed, on a Carroll county jury.

Duration of the trial is not likely to be long. The first case will consume the most time, since many technical matters will be settled during its progress which will therefore not come up again. Ten days may suffice to dispose of all six men who are now in the Roanoke jail.

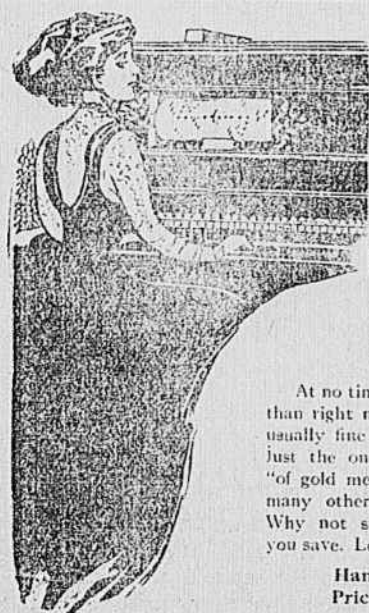
It is no secret among the men engaged in the prosecution that they regard Floyd Allen as the most important defendant. Sidney Allen, who is still a fugitive, comes next.

**Progress of the Hunt.**  
The hunt for Sidney Allen and Wesley Edwards continues daily. The number of detectives has been steadily reduced, until now there is a bare dozen in the mountains. At no time has there been a searching party of more than thirty, and the reports ranging from fifty to 200 have been exaggerations. The ten or twelve men now on duty can follow up clues.

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watch possible avenues of escape, and work among those who have some knowledge of the whereabouts of the fugitives.

There is a bare possibility that the two men have gotten away, but nearly every one agrees that they are in the mountains. Their escape would be exceedingly difficult, and Sidney Allen believes, correctly, that his chances are better there than anywhere else, for he has supporters and friends and dependents in those wilds. But the time will come some day when he will be unable to get food. The idea of his ultimate escape is not entertained in the least.

Three of the Baldwin-Felts detectives should be able to catch the two Allens at any time—that is the theory upon which they have worked. Should the fugitives decide to fight, which is less and less probable each day, they could probably kill one man. The pursuers are better shots than the Allens, ten to one. The deadly hail from the Springfield guns would practically annihilate the two. Hiding behind a ledge of rock or in a cave would do little good, under the shock of the concussion and the splintering rocks and deflecting steel bullets. The capture may be a matter of minutes or of weeks.

Naturally, should the men be taken while the trials of the others are in progress, they would be given time in which to secure counsel, and there would be an adjournment of court. But it is not thought to be likely that Judge Staples will cause a further postponement because these two men have not been arrested.

Indictments are pending against Floyd Allen, Sidney Allen, Victor M. Allen, Claude Swanson Allen, Friel

## TRYING TO FIND BEST PAVEMENT

Subcommittee Studying Character of Material for Use in Broad Street.

The subcommittee on Streets, which is studying the character of paving to be laid on Broad Street, will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The committee consists of Messrs. Powers, Miller, Gunst and Pollock. George S. Tenney, president of the Atlantic Bitulithic Company, Southern agents of the Warren Company, of Boston, who hold the patents on what is known as bitulithic paving, has been invited to appear before the committee in behalf of his company.

Although widely used elsewhere, none of the bitulithic paving has been laid in Richmond, the chief objection having been that it is laid in sheet form, from curb to curb, each time it is cut into for a sewer connection, water or gas pipe, or electric conduit, the street surface is broken and an unsightly patch results.

The appropriation in the budget carries \$50,000 for paving on Broad Street west of Tenth, without specifying the character. Chairman Adams, of the Street Committee, has declared in favor of cut granite as the most desirable form of paving known, especially if laid on concrete, with the interstices filled with tar. Like the present paving on Main Street from Seventh to Twelfth, which shows no wear at all from traffic, and except where cut into, is practically indestructible.

Broad street merchants are uniting in demanding smooth paving, preferring the asphalt block similar to that on Grace, Franklin and other streets. This provides a smooth surface, with no interstices for dust to collect. In reply to the objection of some teamsters that it is slippery in sleety weather, the merchants assert that there are but few sleety days in the year, and that the street is for use on the other days, rather than on the few sleety ones.

Laid on sand, the asphalt block costs \$2.20 per square yard, but City Engineer Bolling insists that whatever the character of paving, the traffic conditions on Broad Street will necessitate a concrete base to give durability and permanence. When laid in this manner, asphalt blocks would cost about \$3 per square yard, while the Belgian block, similar to that on Main Street, costs approximately the same. While much of the traffic on Broad Street is of light vehicles, Mr. Bolling contends that the paving must be of a character to stand the strain of the heaviest loads, such as building material and steel work, some times weighing several tons.

### CHARTERS ISSUED

Cotton Merchants' Building (Inc.), Norfolk, Va. M. L. Hare, president; S. B. Harrell, vice-president; S. W. Harris, secretary and treasurer. Va. Capital: Maximum, \$5,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Office building for cotton merchants.  
Cassio Cafe (Inc.), Norfolk, Va. W. Frank Jordan, president; W. S. Crocker, vice-president; Phil Roskam, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Operate a restaurant.  
Carter Springs Company (Inc.), Danville, Va. C. T. Carter, president; R. W. Carter, vice-president; S. C. Carter, secretary and treasurer—all of Danville, Va. Capital, \$10,000. Object: Mineral springs.  
Henderson-Roskam Corporation, Norfolk, Va. W. S. Crocker, president; W. P. Jordan, vice-president; Phil Roskam, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$2,000. Object: Mercantile business.  
United Farms Corporation, Richmond, W. Jackson, president; J. G. McHenry, vice-president; J. G. Reading, secretary and treasurer—all of Williamsport, Pa. Capital, \$25,000. Object: Real estate business.  
Annuity was issued for the charter of the Mutual Trust Company (Inc.), of Lynchburg, Va., changing its name to Mutual Savings Bank and Trust Company (Inc.), and increasing its maximum from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE SAFE DEBTORS

State Has Lost Nothing by Literary Funds Loans for Public Improvements.

### LABOR LAW PROSECUTIONS

Fines Imposed in Roanoke—Special Trial on Arson Charge in Albemarle.

Tabular statements collected by second Auditor Rosewell Page from statistics in his office show, in his opinion, the complete overthrow of all arguments against the use of the literary fund to make loans to district school boards for building purposes. At the time of the passage of the act authorizing such procedure, it was objected to on the ground that the localities might take advantage of the State and refuse to pay their obligations.

As a matter of fact, the total amount of loans made under this law, to go to the construction of school buildings, up to April 1, 1912, is \$811,773.50. Of this, the sum of \$189,653 has been repaid, leaving outstanding, on April 1, \$622,119.91.

Mr. Page's calculations show that on March 1 the total amount delinquent—that is, payments which had not been met when due—was only \$5,288.06. This is all secured, and will be collected to the last cent, since no loan is made unless more than doubly covered by mortgage on the school property which is built with its aid.

**Loss Indefinite.**  
Even should this amount not be paid, the loss would have been only 5.5 per cent. of the total loaned. Therefore, Mr. Page concludes that the school districts of Virginia constitute the best and safest borrowers of the State's literary fund. The interest realized from these loans goes into the fund for current expenses of conducting the schools.

The second auditor's office has just completed paying the quarterly dues of the retired teachers' fund. There are about 300 former teachers now on this list, receiving approximately one-half of the salary earned during the preceding five years.

On April 1 there was paid out the high school appropriation of \$100,000, and the rural graded school fund, the latter amounting this year to \$27,000. During the next school year, under the new appropriation bill, it will be \$25,000. \$15,000 has also just been paid to the normal training departments in high schools.

**LABOR LAW VIOLATIONS**

**Roanoke Concerns Fined in Police Court for Disobeying Statute.**

Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty was notified yesterday of three convictions secured in the Police Court of Roanoke as the result of prosecutions made by his department. The cases were heard yesterday morning.

The Virginia Brewing Company was fined \$25 on a charge of employing children under the age limit of fourteen years. W. C. Jones & Co. (Inc.) was fined \$10 for failure to observe the law governing sanitary arrangements in its place of business. Violation of the act requiring seat sto be provided for female employees of stores cost Foreman's Five and Ten Cent Store \$10.

All the cases were appealed to the Corporation Court. Other cases which were pending were postponed to May 8. It is understood some prosecutions may come up in the mayor's court in Salem to-day.

All these prosecutions were worked up by J. B. Clarendon, special agent for the Bureau of Labor.

**Indicted for Arson.**

Insurance Commissioner Joseph Rutledge hears that it is probable a special term of the Circuit of Albemarle county will be held in May to try L. J. Harris, colored, charged with arson in connection with the destruction by fire of the barn of Judge John J. White. The accused was indicted on Monday, but could not give bail and is confined in jail. Detectives of the Bureau of Insurance caused the prosecution.

**Governor in Dinwiddie.**  
Governor Mann went to Dinwiddie county yesterday afternoon to address a meeting of farmers.

## NORFOLK FOLLOWS RICHMOND'S LEAD

Reduces Unwieldy Council by Redistricting Into Five Wards.

Following Richmond's example in an effort to simplify its city government by reducing the number of members of its City Council, the Board of Aldermen of Norfolk on Tuesday night concurred in the action of the Common Council of that city redistricting Norfolk into five wards, giving it after the spring election a Council of twenty-five members, and a Board of Aldermen of fifteen members. Action by Mayor Riddick is expected to-day. Opposition in Norfolk, like that in Richmond, came mainly from recently annexed sections, the delegates from Berkeley Ward opposing the reduction of membership. Norfolk has for several years had a Board

of Control, though its powers and functions are much limited, and in its earlier years it was much hampered in its operation by a split between the Board of Control and the City Council. In Norfolk all minor street improvements have to be authorized by the Council, and the Board of Control, unlike the proposed Administrative Board for Richmond, has little real authority. The charter amendments creating an Administrative Board for Richmond give it authority to elect the City Engineer, the Building Inspector, the heads of the Gas, Water and Electric Works, and all other city departments; to employ all labor, award all contracts, supervise all work and audit all bills. The Council appropriates money in lump sums for maintenance of city departments and public improvements; levies taxes, issues bonds, grants franchises and enacts ordinances.

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(From the Dermatologist.)  
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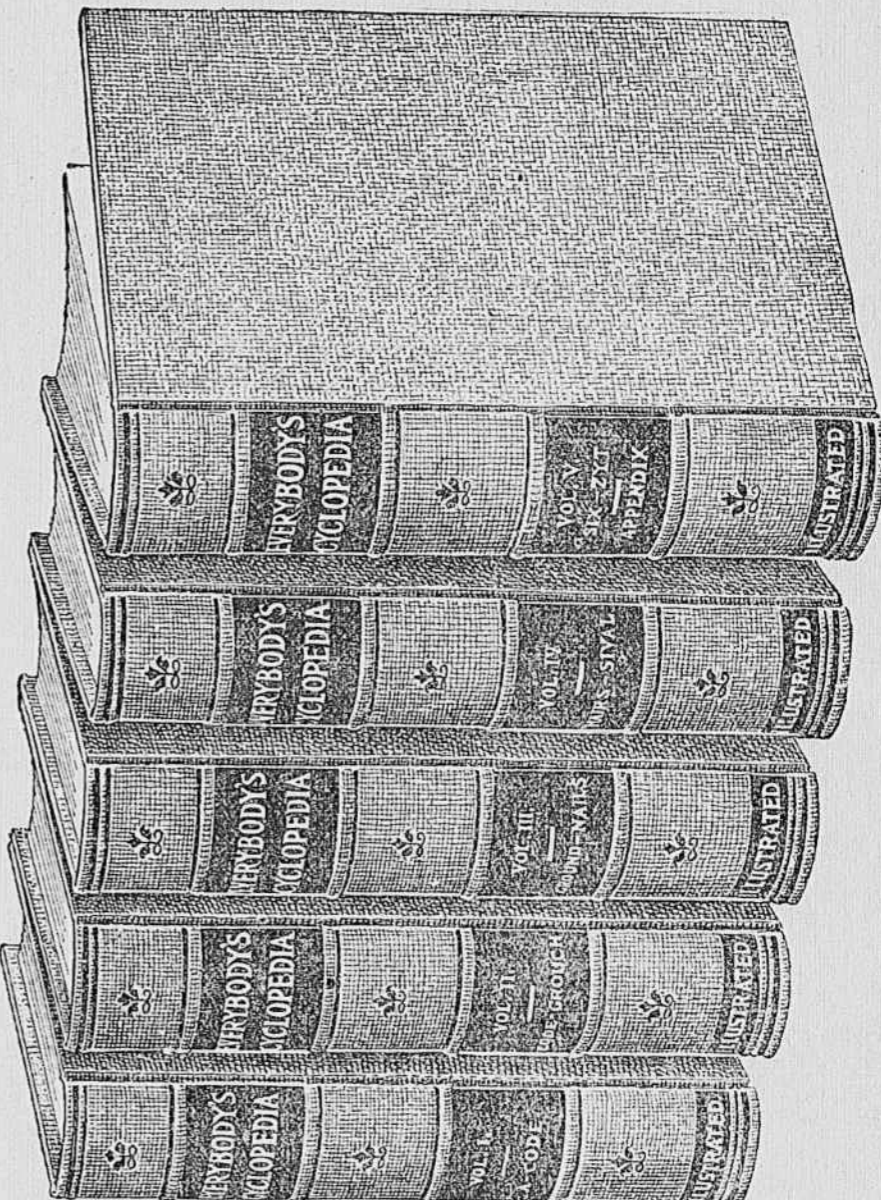
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**NEGRO FATALLY BURNED**

Overcome While Asleep, Sexton Is Terribly Burned.  
Charles Harris, colored, about forty-five years old, for years an assistant sexton of St. John's Episcopal Church, was probably fatally burned last night shortly before midnight by fire of unknown origin, which damaged his home

in the rear of 2206 East Broad Street. A small blaze attracted the attention of a street car motorman as he was passing through Broad Street. He stopped his car and notified Police Sergeant Sherry, who at once turned in a still alarm, and Engine Company No. 1 responded.

Hurrying to the negro's dwelling they found a small blaze and had to force an entrance. The lower floor was vacant, Harris, the only inmate, making his sleeping quarters in a loft which could be entered only through a trap door. With difficulty this was forced by Sergeant Saerry and firemen.

The fire was in the loft, and overcame while asleep by smoke, Harris had been terribly burned. Dr. J. J. Hulcher, ambulance surgeon, was summoned. He at once saw that the negro was fatally burned and rushed him at once to the City Hospital. It was said early this morning that he could not live.

**His Toes Mashed Off.**  
While he was at work yesterday morning laying track for the Virginia Railway & Power Company in Main, near Fourth street, a heavy rail fell upon the foot of John Lewis, colored,

and so badly mashed his toes that an amputation of all of them was necessary. He was rendered emergency treatment by Dr. J. J. Hulcher, ambulance surgeon of the City Hospital, and was taken to the Virginia Hospital.

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